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Sen. Van Woerkom announces grant award to Muskegon County

LANSING – State Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom, R-Norton Shores, today announced that Muskegon County will receive a \$1 million Community Development Block Grant from the Michigan Economic Development Corporation for a downtown renovation project.

The grant will allow the city of Muskegon to improve and extend the downtown area by installing a street, sidewalks and lighting where an enclosed mall was previously located. The project also will include diagonal parking on Western Avenue, Muskegon's main street.

"This grant will allow Muskegon County to work on the Imagine Muskegon and Urban Renewal plans to help the downtown area," Van Woerkom said. "I'm happy to see this greatly needed project funded. This is a great opportunity for the community."

The local contribution is \$1,170,200, including a \$700,000 Michigan Urban Land Assembly loan and \$470,200 from Muskegon City's Federal Enterprise Community Fund and General Fund.

Van Woerkom will attend a ceremonial check presentation scheduled for today, Wednesday, July 27 at 4:30 p.m. in the Terrace Plaza 7th floor cafeteria, 316 Morris St. in Muskegon.

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